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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a process for selectively converting dihydroxy-or-polyhydroxy alcohols into carbonyl compounds using dioxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) as oxidant in the presence of a catalytic system comprising (1) a copper salt, a copper salt containing a heterocyclic ligand or a copper complex salt, and (2) a base.

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